(c) whether Government have chalked out any new comprehensive scheme to improve the standard of living of poor people in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Under the Margin Money Scheme of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the margin money grant is being provided @ 30% to SCs/STs/OBCs/Minortties etc. instead of @ 25% for General Category for setting up viable village industries projects costing upto Rs. 10 lakhs.

The details of the employment generated under village industries programme of the KVIC are as follows:

	Employment of lakhs	
Year	VI (All India)	UP State
1996-97	43.38	5.92
1997-98	42.49	5.04
1998-99	44.44	5.33

District-wise details of families benefited under the Scheme are not being maintained.

(c) No, Sir. The existing Schemes are continuing.

Comprehensive Policy for SSI

1385. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a comprehensive policy for the Small Scale Industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A comprehensive new policy on the Small Scale Sector is under finalisation.